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November 7, 2005

Ref: 2592-21781

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application  
Lower Hackberry Sand, Reservoir A  
VINTON FIELD  
Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana  
Applicant: Mayne & Mertz, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Mayne & Mertz, Inc.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Lower Hackberry Sand, Reservoir A, Vinton Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 320 acres for the Lower Hackberry Sand, Reservoir A, designated as the L HBY RA SUA, Vinton Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said units;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Lower Hackberry Sand, Reservoir A in the Vinton Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the measured depths of 11,125 feet and 11,372 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Prairie Producing Company-Mathews No. 1 Well in the Vinton Field, located in Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 11 West, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

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In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on November 7, 2005. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. Bill McAlister presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. It does not appear there will be opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

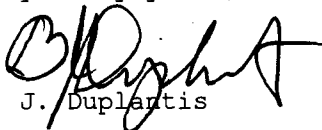
Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the L HBY RA SUA, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed units can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Bill McAlister of Leon Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, LA 70505 (337) 233-9839.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

  
B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson  
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and  
Interested Parties

